

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
WESTERN DIVISION**

ROBERT CORTESE, SR.

PLAINTIFF

v.

No. 4:05-CV-01136 GH

LINCOLN ELECTRIC COMPANY, et al.,

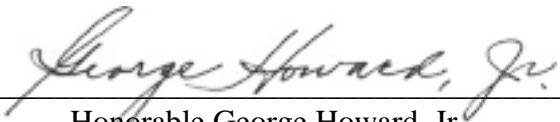
DEFENDANTS

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO STAY

The Motion to Stay (Docket Entry 37) filed by The Lincoln Electric Company, Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc., Airgas Mid-South, Inc., A. O. Smith Corporation, The BOC Group f/k/a Airco, Inc., The ESAB Group, Inc., Eutectic Corporation, Hobart Brothers Company, Praxair, Inc., Sandvik, Inc., TDY Industries, Inc., Union Carbide Corp. f/k/a Union Carbide Chemicals and Plastics Co., and Viacom, Inc., successor by merger to CBS Corporation f/k/a Westinghouse Electric Corporation, is GRANTED.

It is hereby ORDERED that all proceedings in this cause are stayed pending a determination by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation whether to transfer this action to MDL No. 1535, *In re Welding Rod Products Liability Litigation*.

Dated: September 19, 2005.



Honorable George Howard, Jr.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE